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Welcome to the Inaugural Issue of the Indiana State University Physician Assistant Studies Newsletter

Goals for the newsletter include:

- Program updates
- Spotlights on current students, alumni, faculty and staff
- Guest lecturer series including clinical site preceptors

We want to hear from you!

Submit your bio for spotlight, share some interesting experiences since graduating or while on rotation, updates on clinical research and suggestions for our newsletter.

All submissions should be made by email to:
ISU-PA@indstate.edu



PA Week October 6-11

Every year from October 6-12, we celebrate National PA Week, which recognizes the PA profession and its contributions to healthcare.

Class of 2021 sported glasses provided by NCCPA in celebration of PA Week.

College of Health and Human Services Sesquicentennial Event

Faculty from Applied Medicine and Rehabilitation and esteemed guests engaged audiences with presentations and demonstrations in physical therapy, athletic training, occupational therapy and physician assistant involvement in patient care on September 5, 2019.

Physician Assistant Program Event *for our* Sesquicentennial Celebration “A Patient’s Unexpected Healthcare Journey: Physician Assistants’ Role in Care”

Alumna Carolyn Hanrahan, PA-C '16

The presentation began when RHIC Simulation Center staff brought in first year student, Courtney Natt, who played the role of patient in a mock trauma scenario. Carolyn Hanrahan, PA-C, specializing in ED/Trauma, explained her step by step evaluation of the patient, her consults with physicians and PAs, and her experiences as a trauma care provider. As we followed the patient's journey through specialized treatment, PA faculty members explained their involvement in her care.



PA Program faculty from the left includes: Emily Gauer, PA-C '17, Chelsea Elwod, PA-C '16, Dr. William (Doug) Urban, Douglas Stevens, PA-C, and guest presenter Carolyn Hanrahan, PA-C '16.

100%

of the graduating Class of 2019 agreed or strongly agreed that the Program prepared them to be successful in partnering with supervising physicians and other professional colleagues.

In PASS 633, Specialty Care IV

students learn clinical skills that will be needed for rotations and in future practice as PAs. Obtaining BLS and ACLS certifications are also part of this course, as well as community engagement activities, and opportunities for interprofessional collaboration with nursing, social work and occupational therapy students.



Aun Hussain prepares an IV placement.



Students practice in the simulation skills lab at RHIC.

Faculty Spotlight



Program Director Nicole Heck, PA-C

earned both her Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Studies and her Masters of Science in Physician Assistant Studies from Indiana State University. Mrs. Heck joined as full time faculty with the ISU PA Program in September of 2014 and currently anchors the Program Director position. She also enjoys her part time clinical work at Providence Medical Group in Terre Haute.

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